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of the  
Medical Officer of Health

for  
1959

including

Report of the Port Health Inspector

by

T. D. BLOTT, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

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MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Comprising the Borough of Maldon, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexdon and Winstree Rural District.

His Worship the Mayor - Councillor W. G. Ginn J.P.

Alderman Mrs. E.F.Brewster, C.C., D.R.Cargill, E. C. Dines, J.P.

C. Dowsett, D.T.K. Tonkin.

Councillors F.W. Brewster, R.A.Dyke, R. S. Foreman

S. Hardy-King, Rev. W.A.Harling, W.S.Hutchinson, Mrs.W.R.Keeble J.P.

D.E.Lewsey, R.W.C. Marsh, R.B.Pitt, A.G.Ralph, A.Richardson

and A.E.Woodward.

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SECTION I STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
K.C.Robertson	Clerk	1st August 1947	Solicitor and Town Clerk	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon.
Dr. T.D.Blott	Medical Officer of Health	1st March 1954	B.Sc. M.B. B.S. D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Maldon.
R.A.Hallett	Port Health Inspector	25th September 1950	Cert.S.I.J.B M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector. Borough of Maldon.
C.F.Hunt	Treasurer	1st January 1944	Borough Treasurer	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.





To the Mayor, Aldermen and the Councillors  
of the Borough of Maldon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my sixth annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon, covering the year ended 31st December, 1959.

During the year the shipping depression has continued and a considerable number of boats have been laid up in the lower reaches of the Blackwater. Inspection of these is naturally a time consuming business but the majority have been inspected and there is no reason to think that the conditions are other than satisfactory.

I attended as your delegate the Conference of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities at Cardiff. The chief subjects under discussion were Smallpox and the Bacteriological Contamination of Foodstuffs. The lessons learned from these discussions have proved most useful in our general health work, in the Borough.

On the 1st April your Order made under the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934/48, requiring the cleansing of all oysters taken from the whole of the river Blackwater west of a line drawn from the easterly tip of Mersea Island to Blackwater Point, came into force. As it was felt that the Ministry of Health might not by then have had time to approve all the cleansing plants, you authorised me to approve temporary cleansing arrangements under paragraph 2, sub section 2 of the Order.

Six plants have been constructed by the Oyster Fishermen. They are now all approved by the Ministry. I have had regular samples taken and submitted for examination by the Public Health Laboratory Service, and the condition of the oysters which have been treated has been excellent. I have no hesitation in stating that the oysters produced at West Mersea are second to none as regards safety and I can see no reason why the public spirited attitude of the West Mersea Oyster Fishermen should not have set an example which other Oyster Fisheries should follow.

The enforcement of these regulations has entailed much extra work to your Port Health Inspector, and without the active co-operation of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Chelmsford and the Marine Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food at Burnham-on-Crouch, such a satisfactory state of affairs would not have been possible.

I am, Mr. Mayor Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

T.D. Blott,  
Medical Officer of Health.





SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships From	Number	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	62	12,198	5	22	Nil
Coastwise	127	7,942			Nil
Total	189	20,140	5	22	Nil

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SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	{ Number of Passengers	INWARDS	Nil
	{ Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	Nil
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CARGO TRAFFIC	{ PRINCIPAL IMPORTS	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels	
	{ PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	Wheat	
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PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

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SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic  
Nil

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SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VII - Venereal Disease

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VIII - Smallpox

NO CHANGE

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SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases  
on ships.

TABLE D

NIL

NO CHANGE

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SECTION X - Observations of the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

NIL

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SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or  
suspected for plague.

NO CHANGE

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SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

NO CHANGE

TABLE E

NIL

TABLE F

NIL

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices	
Crew Accommodation 27	NIL	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store 27	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL 54	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

WEST MERSEA OYSTER FISHERY An order under the above Regulations requiring all oysters taken from the Port Health Area to be cleansed came into force on April 1st, 1959.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens (Not applicable)

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE







